

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a digital camera having an automatic tracking AF function, with shortened time required to re-achieve focusing after focusing becomes unmaintainable, which does not make the user feel strange. In a pattern drive AF control (normal control state), the digital camera performs pattern driving of finding an infocus lens position at the present time point around the latest infocus lens position while performing automatic tracking control of changing the position of the focus area so as to trace the movement of a main subject. When the digital camera loses the track of the subject during execution of the pattern drive AF control (normal control state), until at least predetermined time elapses (subject loss time point), pattern drive AF control (extended control state) is continued.